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SUBJ: SIHANOUK VISITING MOROCCO REJECTS NEGOTIATIONS WITH LON NOL

1. PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK VISITED MOROCCO

MAY 26-29. VISIT WAS PART OF TOUR OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH
RECOGNIZE GRUNK, INCLUDING SO FAR SENEGAL, GAMBIA, MALI,
CONGO, AND ZAMBIA. SIHANOUK GIVEN FULL PROTOCOL HONORS AND
STATE DINNER BY KING HASSAN, WITH WHOM HE HAD TWO MEETINGS,
ACCORDING TO GOM NEWS AGENCY (MAP).

2. AT PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR NOUAKCHOTT,
SIHANOUK WAS ASKED ABOUT HIS POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH
LON NOL. ACCORDING TO MAP, SIHANOUK DECLARED FORCEFULLY
THAT HE WOULD REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE WITH LON NOL, AS QUOTE
THE ONLY PARTNER IN NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE U. S. THE CAMBODIAN
WAR IS NOT A CIVIL WAR BUT A WAR WHERE CAMBODIANS ARE VICTIMS
AND AMERICANS THE AGGRESSORS. UNQUOTE ASKED ABOUT
HIS RELATIONS WITH USSR, SHANOUK SAID HIS POLICY ON
RETURNING TO POWER WOULD BE TO CLOSE EMBASSIES OF " UNFRIENDLY"
COUNTRIES, IN THIS CASE USSR, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN AND
JAPAN. HE WOULD EXPEL CITIZENS OF THESE POWERS AND
EXPROPRIATE THEIR GOODS.

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3. DURING FLOWERY BANQUET TOAST MAY 28, SIHANOUK WAS ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THAT GOM HAD AFFIRMED ITS RECOGNITION OF GRUNK AS " SOLE LEGITIMATE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT". NEVERTHELESS, THERE WERE SIGNS IN TOASTS EXCHANGED BY SIHANOUK AND KING HASSAN THAT TWO HAD DIFFERENCES. HASSAN REFERRED OBIQUELY TO DILEMMA OF A CHIEF OF STATE WHO MUST SEE HIS CAUSE TRIUMPH, AT THE SAME TIME SPENDING AS FEW HUMAN LIVES AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY THE LIVES OF HIS SUBJECTS. IN REPLY, SIHANOUK SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR KING' S SUPPORT FOR GRUNK. HE WANTED PEACE TOO, " BUT A PEACE WITH HONOR, DIGNITY, AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE."

4. SIHANOUK IS TRAVELING IN AIRPLANE PUT AT HIS DISPOSAL BY PRC.
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